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## Internal Revenue Service Probes CIA Involvement

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Wright Patman disclosed Monday that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had given financial support to a private New York foundation under investigation by federal tax authorities. Patman said he felt he had been "trifled with" in connection with the case.

The Texas Democrat quoted an unidentified CIA official as saying the intelligence agency had an "arrangement" with the J. M. Kaplan Fund of New York City from 1959 until some time this year.

The CIA, in its tradition of strict secrecy, had no comment on Patman's statement. But the agency is known to use existing foundations, or occasionally to create its own, as vehicles for intelligence-gathering activities.

### SOURCE OF CONCERN

Patman's disclosure at a public hearing of his House small business' subcommittee was the source of some concern and embarrassment to officials of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) attending as witnesses.

Apparently, CIA's involvement with the Kaplan Fund was

a secret shared by only a few persons in official Washington.

Mitchell Rogovin, assistant to the commissioner of internal revenue, said that until Aug. 10, the date of the last Patman subcommittee hearing on the subject, he was the only present IRS employee who knew of the CIA-Kaplan relationship.

Even the New York district office of the IRS, which is conducting the Kaplan investigation, was not aware of CIA's tie-in, Rogovin said.

The revenue service has been examining the Kaplan Fund for several years to determine whether it should be permitted to retain its tax-exempt status. The fund has contributed money to a number of charitable and educational projects, particularly in the New York City area.

Patman's subcommittee has been reviewing the tax-exempt status of certain foundations to see whether some of them are taking advantage of it.

### INFORMS CIA

Rogovin told Patman Monday he had informed the CIA of the revenue service's interest in the Kaplan Fund.